



## **Federal Emergency Management Agency**

### **Martha Whetstone: Regional Director, Region IX**

Martha Whetstone was appointed Regional Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Region IX office by President Clinton on June 1, 1998.

As Regional Director, Ms. Whetstone is responsible for the administration of a variety of federal emergency preparedness, mitigation and disaster response and recovery programs for Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, the Territory of American Samoa, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Before joining FEMA, Ms. Whetstone served as the Northern California political director for the Democratic National Committee, providing analysis, counsel and support to the White House regarding northern California politics. From 1986 to 1992, she served as a general litigation attorney for the Oakland, California firm of Cresswell, Cake and Echeguren. She also taught history and psychology at an international high school in Faistenau, Austria in 1978 and 1979.

A native of Arkansas, Ms. Whetstone earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education in social studies from the University of Arkansas and participated in graduate studies in political science and economics at Katholieke Hogeschool, Tilburg, the Netherlands. She earned a law degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law in 1985.

Ms. Whetstone is a board member of the Just Think Foundation's Body Image Project. The Just Think Foundation is a non-profit organization founded to promote media literacy and develop critical thinking skills in young people.

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